IRS DESIGNATES MAY 20 AS NATIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING DAY

WASHINGTON – In its continuing effort to help taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service has designated May 20 as National Problem Solving Day. At 34 locations across the country, taxpayers will once again have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with IRS officials to resolve long-standing tax issues.

Since the program's inception in 1997, Problem Solving Day has served as a forum to work out complicated tax matters with the IRS for more than 63,000 taxpayers. Results from a recent customer survey reveal that 92 percent of respondents are very satisfied with Problem Solving Day and encourage the IRS to continue the program.

"We're pleased with the high marks the program receives from America's taxpayers," said Charles Rossotti, IRS Commissioner. "Problem Solving Day is a cornerstone of the IRS's continued emphasis on servicing taxpayers."

Problem Solving Day has been instrumental in helping taxpayers set up Installment Agreements, resolve issues involving tax returns, and negotiate an Offer in Compromise. Additional customer survey results show that 41 percent of the taxpayers reported their issues were completely resolved during Problem Solving Day.

Taxpayers can find the National Problem Solving Day location nearest them on the IRS home page at *www.irs.gov* -- -- or by calling the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040. A list of National Problem Solving Day locations and times is attached.

PROBLEM SOLVING DAY CITIES

State / City / Telephone Number

Alabama

Huntsville (601) 292-4948

Alaska

Anchorage (907) 271-6877

Arkansas

Little Rock (405) 297-4745

California

Los Angeles (213) 576-3442 Sacramento (510) 637-4359 Santa Ana (949) 389-4584 San Jose (408) 817-6863

Colorado

Lakewood (303) 571-4402

Connecticut

Hartford (860) 756-4556

Delaware

Wilmington 1(800) 865-6198

Florida

Holly Hill (904) 258-4113 Plantation (954) 423-7684

Georgia

Atlanta (404) 338-9360

Illinois

Springfield (312) 886-0550

Indiana

Indianapolis (317) 226-5081

Kentucky

Louisville (615) 250-5423

Massachusetts

Boston (617) 316-2950

Michigan

Detroit (313) 628-3755

Minnesota

St. Paul (651) 312-7951

Missouri

St. Louis 1(800) 401-3073

New Jersey

Edison (973) 921-4377

New Mexico

Albuquerque (505) 837-5631

New York

Brooklyn (718) 488-3601 Buffalo (716) 961-5577 New York (212) 436-1013

Ohio

Akron (330) 375-5403

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City (405) 297-4745

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia (215) 861-1301, Extension 183

South Carolina

Columbia (803) 253-3049

Texas

Fort Worth (817) 978-3370 Houston (281) 721-8110 San Antonio (210) 706-5599

Virginia

Norfolk (804) 916-8740

Wisconsin Milwaukee (414) 297-3438